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SUBJECT: AUGUST 2-4 US/ASEAN MINISTERIAL -- GOP REACTION

- 1. EMBOFFS ARE BEGINNING TO CALL ON THOSE MEMBERS OF PHIL-DELEGATION TO US/ASEAN MEETING WHO HAVE RETURNED TO MANILA. SECRETARY ROMULO, INGLES, AND THE TWO AMBASSADORS MANALO FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE ARE STILL AWAY.
- 2. WE CALLED AUGUST 16 ON AMBASSADOR PABLO SUAREZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THUS RANKING ECONOMIC OFFICIAL. SUAREZ STATED THAT MAXIMUM ACHIEVEMENT OF MEETING WAS PROJECTION OF ASEAN INTO THE CONSIOUSNESS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS, THE MEDIA, BUSINESS, AND THE PUBLIC. "WE MADE FRIENDS," HE SAID IN HIS SIMPLE, UNASSUMING MANNER.
- 3. MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ACHIEVEMENT WAS USG COMMITMENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMMON FUND. SUAREZ HOPED USG WOULD BRING ALONG OTHER "FOOT-DRAGGING" MEMBERS IN GROUP B, AND PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE SOMETHING ON PAPER BY THE TIME OF UNCTAD V IN MANILA NEXT MAY.

4. SUAREZ EMPHASIZED SEVERAL TIMES THE AMBIANCE WHICH HE TERMED AS "VERY ENCOURAGING." HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH

## THE HIGH LEVEL AND DEEP INTEREST IN ASEAN AT ALL LEVELS OF THE USG. MURPHY

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